

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	10404	Agenda Number	6.
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Meeting Date:	November 3, 2011
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Department:	Contract Management
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Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC., Austin, TX, (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation CLMP088, to provide Professional Services for the Stormwater Pond Safety Program Engineering Services with an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,250,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Approved Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of four firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Eduardo Acosta 974-3008; Rolando Fernandez 974-7749; April Shaw 974-7141
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 17.90% MBE and 15.80% WBE subconsultant participation.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

The mission of the Watershed Protection Department (WPD) is to reduce the impact of flooding, erosion, and water pollution on our community in order to protect lives, property and the environment. The purpose of the Stormwater Pond Safety Program (SPSP) is to manage the risk of dam, floodwall, or levee failure by ensuring that these flood mitigation structures meet or exceed current safety criteria. The WPD has identified several dams that do not meet current Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and City of Austin dam safety criteria and anticipates a number of design and construction projects to repair or modernize existing WPD dams to meet these criteria. In addition, there is a need for continued engineering consultation regarding the SPSP.

The City anticipates conducting projects in phases as follows:

- Preliminary Engineering Phase
- Design Phase and Preparation of Contract Documents
- Construction Phase Services
- Stormwater Pond Safety Program Consultation and Emergency Repair Engineering Evaluation Services

The final scope for each project assignment will be developed and tailored to the specific assignment. The selected firm is expected to utilize a quality control/quality assurance review process for all submittals to the WPD.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with a qualified responder that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected responder, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 1.90% African American; 9.00% Hispanic; 4.90% Native/Asian; and 15.80% WBE. The recommended and alternate firm provided MBE/WBE Compliance Plans that met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 364 firms on July 15, 2011. The RFQ was obtained by 48 firms, and 4 firms submitted qualification statements. One of the firms was a certified MBE/WBE firm.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC.
ALTERNATE FIRM: CHAN & PARTNERS ENGINEERING, LLC